

Lancashire Children's Trust:  
Total Family Conference  
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**Lancashire Prevention and  
Early Intervention Strategy**

*"Lancashire, the County  
where All Children,  
Young People and their  
Families are Resilient".*



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**Definition**

- **Prevention** focuses on reducing risk and building resilience so that we do not need to intervene.
- **Early intervention** is targeted working which occurs when we identify and address unmet need for children, young people and their families
- Both approaches depend on building skills in families and the workforce to deal with similar issues that may arise in the future.
- Both approaches are defined by the need for agencies to work collaboratively, effectively and **potentially differently**.



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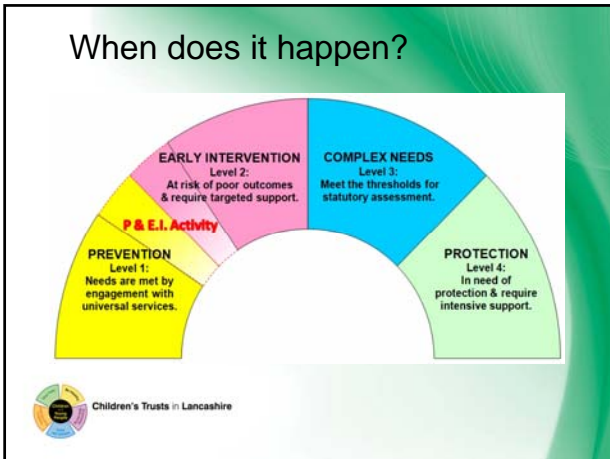
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### Prevention and Early Intervention: The vision

*"The vision for Lancashire's EIP Strategy is to secure a county-wide approach within which all partners coordinate, prioritise and maximise their collective efforts to enable children, parents and families to become more empowered and resilient, being thereby better able to achieve success, resist stress, manage change and uncertainty, and make responsible decisions about their future. It will provide a framework to support partners in re-shaping existing services and working together more effectively, utilising existing resources in a more integrated way in order to secure better outcomes for children."*

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### Why do we need a PEI strategy?

Reasons identified in the Children and Young Peoples Plan

- 20% of children in Lancashire are income deprived according to the Index of Multiple Deprivation 2007.
- Infant mortality rates in Pendle and Hyndburn are amongst the highest in the Country.
- The proportion of girls who have smoked in Lancashire is well above the national average.
- 10% of children aged 5 to 15 have a diagnosable mental health disorder.
- Rates of drunkenness and drug-taking are slightly higher in Lancashire than the national average.
- A substantial improvement is required to achieve the Government's target of a 50% reduction in teenage conception.
- The oral health of children and young people is poor in many areas of Lancashire.
- The number of children and young people killed or seriously injured in road traffic accidents is too high.
- Persistent absence rates within secondary schools have been significantly higher than the national average.
- The proportion of fixed-term exclusions in secondary schools is much higher than national rates.
- The percentage of NEET 16-19 year olds is above the national average and more than a third of those young people are from vulnerable groups.
- There are 1297 children looked after in Lancashire. 1031 of these children had their need identified. 73% of children were looked after as a result of abuse or neglect and 18% were a result of family stress or dysfunction, a total of 91% of the cases were family related.

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## Underpinning principles

- Engagement from all relevant partners – all aspects of the CYP workforce including colleagues who work with adults and families.
- District based model.
- Accurate starting point – local assessment of need (by LCTP).
- Effective measurements from the outset:
  - Outcomes based
  - Financial impact
- A commitment to working differently focusing on the CYP and family.
- A commitment to working more efficiently- streamlining meetings and avoiding duplication.
- Supported by LCC by means of pump-priming resources.




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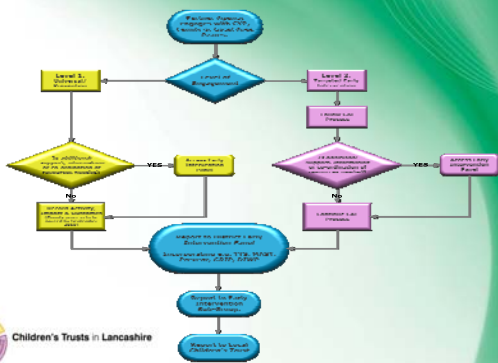
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## How will it happen?




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## When it is successful...

### We will have :

- Positive self reports and qualitative feedback from families.
- Measurable impact on CYPP targets and on targets held by partner agencies.
- More efficient effective use of resources, with less duplication and a seamless service for families ('no wrong door').
- Joint commissioning and de commissioning based on local area need.
- A reduction in demand for specialist services.
- Improved outcomes for children, young people and families
- Innovative and integrated new approaches to working.




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## Timelines

### June-Sept 2010- what will we do ( PEI Strategic Lead)

- Determine the data priorities
- Work with Districts to complete the Local Service Level Agreement
- Recruit 12 Prevention and Early Intervention Development Officers
- Produce the PEI operational handbook

### June-Sept 2010- what can Trust Partnerships do

- Determine membership of the Local Sub Group and Panel ( using Think Family approach)
- Begin data collection from existing sources
- Begin the integration of existing panels/processes
- Engage with schools around the Schools Forum Funding



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**Any questions?**



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